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Department of Power

Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer

Notification

No. 150/1/CEE/TECH/626

The Notification regarding constitution of the Power Advisory Committee for the purpose of promoting vital link between the Electricity Department and the consumer is enclosed herewith for necessary publication.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Nirmal Braganza, Chief Electrical Engineer ex officio
Addl. Secretary.

Panaji, 31st July, 2007.

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- 1. Introduction:-** The Power Advisory Committee is constituted for the purpose of providing the vital link between the Electricity Department and the consumers. It will give the public the confidence that their grievances are being properly represented and attended to, besides advising on the development of power supply services in the State.

The Power Advisory Committee shall have jurisdiction over the entire State of Goa and shall be chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Power. The Committee shall also include members

representing various users interests outside the Electricity Department. The guidelines in the succeeding paragraphs indicate the manner of constitution and functioning of the Committee. These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.

- 2. Constitution of the Power Advisory Committee:-** The State Level Power Advisory Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, which may be increased to (18) members.

The Committee shall be chaired by the Hon'ble Power Minister who shall be its Chairman and in the absence of the Chairman, the Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chairman. The Chief Electrical Engineer shall be the ex officio member Secretary of the Committee.

The Annexure hereto indicates the category wise composition of the Committee. The number of members of the Committee may be increased at the discretion of the Government and this increased limit shall not be exceeded except under exceptional circumstances.

- 3. Procedure for constitution of the Power Advisory Committee:-** The Power Advisory Committee shall be constituted in the following manner:
 - a)** The Chief Electrical Engineer shall recommend to the Government suitable names representing the various interests. The Chief Electrical Engineer may consult the consumer body or any association representing press, trade and commerce, Industry Professional Association etc.
 - b)** Recommendations/nominations may be obtained by the Chief Electrical Engineer from the Government and Presiding Officer of the

State Legislative to represent the State Government and the State Legislature respectively and forward the same to the Government.

- c) Nominations to the Committee will be made by the Government after considering the recommendations thus received from the Chief Electrical Engineer alongwith the other names received directly by the Government.
4. *Tenure and meetings of the Power Advisory Committee:-* The tenure of the Committee shall normally be two years from the day when the first member is nominated. Meetings of the Committee shall be held atleast once in a quarter. Meeting dates shall be fixed atleast 15 days in advance so that members have adequate prior intimation and as far as practicable no meeting shall be held when the State Assembly is in session.
5. *Functions of the Power Advisory Committee:-* The functions of the Power Advisory Committee shall be as under:-
 - a) Advising the Electricity Department for improvement of service to the public in the Electricity sector;
 - b) Bringing the Electricity consumers and the Electricity Department into closer relationship;
 - c) Giving the public confidence that their grievances are being properly represented as well as attended to;
 - d) Giving publicity to the action being taken by the Department for improving and developing power supply and service to the public;
 - e) Assisting the Department in handling the shortages in materials, equipments and manpower by invoking co-operation and patience from the public;
 - f) Formulate the basis of power generation policy as also advise the Government on PPA;
 - g) Advise the Government on Power Tariff Pattern;
 - h) Any other matter as may be referred to it by the Government;
 - i) Advice of the Government on Power Sector Reforms.
6. *Need for further involvement of members:-* With the expansion of the power supply network in the State and the problems faced by the Electricity Department in fulfilling the increasing expectations of the public, there is need for greater understanding between the Department and its consumers. Members of the Advisory Committee may play a very useful role in educating the public about the constraints of the Electricity Department

in giving a still better service to the public. To enable members of the Advisory Committee to get first hand information and detailed knowledge of various procedures, checks and counter checks being exercised by the Electricity Department, they may be actively associated with the following activities if they so desire;

- i) Investigation of service complaints of power interruptions for long durations and low voltage problems;
- ii) Monitoring of street lights scheme;
- iii) Complaints of delayed release of new service connections;
- iv) Maintenance of lines and equipments;
- v) General complaints e.g. non-receipt of bills excess billing (but not individual case);
- vi) Co-ordination for building plans, underground cable laying works, etc., with local authorities.
7. *Formation of Sub-Committees:-* To achieve the above objectives, it has been decided that where members are willing, Sub-Committees may be formed. A Sub-Committee may generally consist of 3 or 5 members of the Advisory Committee with the Chief Electrical Engineer or the concerned Superintending Engineer and/or the Executive Engineer in the concerned Circle/Division. The Advisory Committee members may volunteer to serve on these Sub-Committees.

The Sub-Committee may take up a few specific complaints of the type mentioned in paragraph 6 above, and when a consumer has a grievance or a complaint to make and where an Advisory Committee member of the Sub-Committees feels that there is scope for improvement in the method of working of the concerned Division/Sub-Divisional Office. After a detailed study, the Sub-Committee shall give its views and recommendation. The Chief Electrical Engineer shall take necessary action on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, if this is within his powers. In case any recommendations/modifications are required to be referred to the Government, the same shall be sent with the recommendations of the Power Minister after discussion in the Advisory Committee meeting.

The recommendations/suggestions will be of recommendatory nature and shall not absolve the Departmental Officers of their responsibilities nor will it take away their authority to decide the cases on merits.

8. *Disqualification of members of the Advisory Committee:-* The membership of a member of the Power Advisory Committee shall be deemed to have been terminated if a member does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Advisory Committee.

Further, the membership shall also be liable to be terminated on the report of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in case of misbehaviour/ /unsocial or antisocial activities, etc., on the party of the member of the Advisory Committee.

9. These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.
10. This issues in supersession of the Government Notification No. 150/1/CEE/Tech/748 dated 04-08-2005 published in the Official Gazette, Series II, No. 18 (Extraordinary) dated 04-08-2005.

Re-Constitution of Power Advisory Committee

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| 01. Hon'ble Minister for Power | – | Chairperson |
| 02. Shri Agnelo Fernandes, MLA | – | Member |
| 03. Shri Vijay Pai Khot, MLA | – | Member |
| 04. Chief Secretary/Secretary (Power) | – | Member |
| 05. Finance Secretary | – | Member |
| 06. Shri Srinivas Dempo | – | Member |
| 07. Shri Francisco L. Pereira | – | Member |
| 08. Shri Roland Martins | – | Member |

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| 09. President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries | – | Member |
| 10. Shri Blaise Costa, (Representative, Small Scale Industries) | – | Member |
| 11. Shri Parag Joshi | – | Member |
| 12. Shri M. K. Shaikh (Educationist) | – | Member |
| 13. President, G.S.I.A. | – | Member |
| 14. President, C.I.I. | – | Member |
| 15. Shri Alex Luis Cardozo, Ex MLA | – | Member |
| 16. Shri Anil Kher | – | Member |
| 17. Chief Electrical Engineer | – | Ex Officio Member Secretary |
| 18. Shri Amber Timblo | – | Member |

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